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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4611
INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2695

LONDON FOR ARA DAS BUSHNELL

PANAMA FOR ROBERT PASTOR, NSC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PINS, DR
SUBJECT: BALAGUER TV ADDRESS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 2694

1. EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY REACTION TO BALAGUER SPEECH
IS THAT IT HAS NOT CHANGED IN ANY WAY THE BASIC THEME
EMPHASIZED IN
ALL HIS STATEMENTS ON THE ELECTIONS SO
FAR, INCLUDING HIS REPLY TO SECRETARY VANCE AND HIS
LETTER TO THE OAS COMMISSION--THAT HE WILL RESPECT
THE ELECTION RESULTS.

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2. HE BEGAN BY GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS
LEANING TOWARD SECURING HIS PLACE IN HISTORY BY
TURNING OVER POWER PEACEABLY TO RIVAL PARTY, BUT
THEN, IN SPECIFYING INSTANCES OF ELECTORAL IRREGU-
LARITIES, HE SEEMED TO BE COUNTERING PRD CHARGES OF
FRAUD AGAINST PR AND THUS TO BE LAYING BASIS FOR

RATIONALIZING A JCE FINAL VOTE COUNT DIFFERENT FROM

THAT CALCULATED BY PRD FROM ITS OWN TALLIES. MANY OF HIS REMARKS ARE OBVIOUSLY DISTURBING: THE XENO-PHOBIC APPEAL TO DOMINICAN MANHOOD, THE EXHALTATION OF THE DISGRACEFUL BEHAVIOR OF THE DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR, AND THE CLEAR SUGGESTION OF

OPPOSITION FRAUD ALL LEAP TO MIND.

3. THUS, THE SPEECH AS GIVEN COULD AUGUR EITHER (A) BELAGUER'S GENUINE DISPOSITION TO ACCEPT A PRD VICTORY WHILE SEEKING TO ASSUAGE THE MILITARY HIERARCHY BY DEFENDING THEIR ACTIONS AND LAUDING THEIR RESPECT FOR THE CONSTITUTION, OR (B) AN ENTRENCHED DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTION RESULTS SHOWED HIM VICTORIOUS AND TO JUSTIFY THE PROCESS THAT GAVE THESE RESULTS. THE MEANING WILL COME CLEAR FROM ACTIONS AND REACTIONS WHICH WILL NOW BEGIN AND WHICH WE WILL BE FOLLOWING CLOSELY.
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